

Title: September 12, 2014, 10am, GSA Meeting Agenda

Location: SSB 350, Gradpad

Started: 9/4/2014

Last Edit:

In Attendance:

all in attendance

#### Past Meeting Action Items

- Distribute Gradpad Access Agreement still in process
- Distribute Community Standards -did get printer. still need to print. Sign on GSA office.
- Recap of Committee Rally--went really well, 19 applications total
- Recap of Delegate Assembly--- Aaron, got a lot of students. 12 students. A few have not responded yet.
- Recap of Meeting with Dean Zatz-- What do we want to see happen this year, what we want to concentrate on.
- Recap of Travel Grant Situation-- Voted to give to 2 get it, 2 did not. Importance of financial information being accurate. One person did not have student id, was OK.

#### Previous Meeting Minutes

#### Current Reports

#### Old Business

- Action Item: Gradpad Access Agreement for Staff/Faculty--had draft at last meeting. Only graduate students have access to room right now. Dean may want key. May be legit purposes. Intern at Grad Studies may need access. Need to say using grad pad for this reason, follow by the rules.
  - Previous Discussion
    - GradDiv has asked for access--only for staff who have access for room. For admin purposes, cleaning.
    - GradDiv has legitimate purposes--approved in previous vote.
      - Dropping off mail to GSA
      - Putting up GradDiv posters
      - 'Recruitment & Retention, Outreach'
    - Counterpoint: GradDiv may abuse access
      - Overuse of kitchen and fridge
    - Proposal: Gradpad Access Agreement for staff/faculty
      - Kitchen space is for graduate student use only
  - New Discussion
    - Vote on agreement: some discussion. passes unanimously.
- Action Item: Draft Community Standards for Gradpad

- Discussion
  - Currently have a working draft
  - See bottom of agenda
  - Any other items?
  - Aaron - work on short version brandon says succinct and simple. student worker clean fridge. door items need to be in regular use. Student Affairs still determining for alcohol. Brandon in favor of leaving as contraband. We want to ensure we are following university rules. Should enable labling of food.
  - was approved. More detailed version of grad pad rules, Jasmine will take care of.
- Discussion Topic: Delegate Assembly
  - Previous Discussion
  - Propose: Get started on the Delegate Assembly before the new students arrive
    - GradDiv has offered to promote.
      - Donuts for Delegates
    - August 5th, 9:30-11am, Bobcat Lair
    - Open to all
    - GSA to send out an email reminder
    - Pressure people to become delegates
    - Multiple delegates for same position?
      - Case by case basis
  - New discussion
    - still need people for chem, cog sci. social sci (sociology - wendy puquirre?, public health) physics, and Chemistry. Need someone for poly sci as well. Need someone in humanities to find names.
    - Delegate Assembly meeting--hopefully by end of month. Two goals, need to be acquainted with Aaron, need first meeting. Push on this, hopefully meet by end of month. In mid Oct. goal of meet and greet delegates. Should we advertise meet and greet? Could possibly do by school? Have delegate come in in grad pad for 45 minutes. Would be like an office hour for delegates.
- Discussion Topic: UCSA fallout Problem is being resolved. New committee, Here at UCM we are going to organize student of color conference. Asking 30 dollars for participants. Some by-laws, most UC campuses SA problems. Will be focusing on dealing with problem. General t-shirts to publicize UCSA. UCSA now connected with USSA (US student assoc.) Student from UCR elected rep for USSA. Other campuses have other reps there. Most are undergrad. Some discussion of TA or GA for grad students. Question re task force. At least three people per campus representation. Brandon asks anything to report back?
  - Will send out an email with details of the situation- It has been approved by the board. Was in board meeting on Sept. 6.
  - Would like some feedback if any by August

## New Business

- Action Item: Committee Appointments
  - Discussion- Danielle got 19 applications from comm. rally, a lot of people applied for committee on research. Still need to look through. Emily sent one to stay on TAPS. Got another from student who has been sitting on ECEC (early childhood education center--Daycare). She wishes to continue. There is a 75 percent discount for students for ECEC. 25 percent is reimbursable if you are a TA and a member of the UAW Union. Will email people about nominations on Monday.
    - Recap
  - Any action items?
- Discussion Item: Reservation of the Gradpad
  - Discussion
    - ES would like to hold their grad group meeting in the GradPad
    - Previously held meetings off campus in a dinner setting
    - There is value to allow grad groups to organize
    - Temporary solution
    - Need to promote research, Brandon says having research meetings is an appropriate use of space. What if becomes more regular events? Berkeley does talks of this sort. Problem if grad groups want to, we don't want people to reserve space.
      - ES must put up flyers announcing, on campus. One week in advance for notice. Activity not preclude other events in the room. Approval will be needed for any future events? Want to promote graduate school research. Always trying to find ways to promote GS research.
        - Attract more students
        - Let students know gradpad will be occupied
        - Spur other grad groups to self-organize
      - Their use does not preclude other activities in there
    - Action Item: Draft a formal policy
    - Event went well? Space seemed to work well for setting. Was a grad student studying perhaps not happy. Grad Pad is not only study space. If get enough people coming to events to go to admin to get more room for these types of presentations. Question if GA has space? They close at 5 p.m. Would not come if there was a meeting. Space issues for booking conference rooms on campus. Not enough pressure to use conference spaces on campus. Two hours wednesday and tuesday nights. Brandon says GSA will maintain approval rights. Publicize that grad students will talk about research one week in advance, should not be more than 2 hours, open to all students. Use of room not preclude other activities. Only allow on Wed. and Thurs. nights. Should have 5-8 nights. Should

Friday nights be social? Do people need to reserve. Need for official (ask Rachel to ask new worker intern to put and maintain calendar on wall. GSA should have master rights. Need to book a week and a half in advance. Must let people know if in use. Event could be a great use of space. Should leave some rules pending. Check on access for post docs.

- GradDiv calendar
- GSA calendar
- No mass meeting
- Delegate Assembly dissemination
- Rules for research meetings in GradPad
  - Wednesday, Thursday are research nights (after 5pm)
  - Grad groups are encouraged to hold research discussions/presentations targeted for graduate students
  - Arrange with GSA at least one and a half weeks
  - Publicize (flyers, online calendar) at least 1 week before event.
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- Discussion Item: Discussion of the Graduate Student Committee on Research
  - Discussion
    - What do we want out of the group?
    - Any specific items?
    - Who will chair? Jasmine
- Action Item: Meeting agenda with Library Staff
  - Discussion Item:
    - Donald and Eric from library would like to meet with us
    - Grad student issues with the library
    - Agenda?
      - What are the grad student issues?
      - Room reservation for graduate students
      - Using the library as a mechanism to share more graduate student research
      - Future plans for library expansion
- Action Item: To Do List
  - Update website-- Update website
  - Active facebook--Make more interesting
  - Any other ongoing things we should add to this list?
  - Visibility? Think about it.
- Delegate Assembly current list...
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Eddie- Service Projects:

September: National Service Day  
-Lake Yosemite Cleanup

October: Make A Difference Day (October 25th)

-Work with OSL to set up event,  
work with service fraternity.

Promote one service per month GSA event.

Find way to promote service events.

Provide ops for people to serve, create service callender.

Should offer awards for service through GSA? (long term project--year long project).

Science and Art Coalition Art Exhibit (presented by Sarah Abboud):

-Will bring researchers and artists together to highlight UC Merced's research to community at the Merced County Arts Council gallery on mainstreet.

-Currently have 17 artists and 19 researchers

-Center for the Humanities for funding?

GradPAI on hiatus - Rachael

Current GSA Member Committee Appointments

- Brandon - Graduate Council, VC Advisory Board
- Danielle - CAPRA, OMBUDS
- Jiba - UCSA
- Aaron - ~~Alumni Relations~~ (not active), Research Council?
- Eddie - GSA Social Committee
- Jasmine - GSA Committee on Research
- Erik - SFAC, SHAC

Calendar

Event	Assigned Lead	Date
Summer Ice Cream Social	Brandon	July 23rd
Delegate Assembly	Aaron	August 5th
GSA Officer Training	Brandon	
GROW (GSA Panel)	Iqbal	August 11th
Committee Rally	Danielle	September 2
Committee Orientation	Danielle	~October
Fall Open Meeting	Brandon	~November TBA

Hot Chocolate Winter Social		~January
Committee Thank You	Danielle	~April
Spring Open Meeting	Brandon	~April
Elections	Aaron	~April
End of Year Recognition		~May
Officer Transition Meeting	Brandon	~June